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SUBJECT: NORTHERN REACTION TO DUBLIN LANDMINE DEATHS

1. PUBLIC REACTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND FOLLOWED TWO MAIN THEMES AFTER THE LANDMINE EXPLOSION IN DUBLIN JULY 21 WHICH KILLED THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND A SECRETARY FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE AND INJURED TWO OTHERS. FIRST ALL JOURNALS AND MOST POLITICIANS NOTED THAT SIMILAR ATROCITIES WERE EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THAT ONLY IDENTITY OF VICTIM MADE DUBLIN BOMBING "SPECIAL ENORMITY". SECOND ALL LOYALIST SPOKESMEN COUPLED EXPRESSIONS OF SHOCK AND OUTRAGE WITH DEMANDS FOR NEW TOUGH SECURITY MEASURES IN NORTH, IN REPUBLIC AND COOPERATIVELY TO DEFEAT THE PROVISIONAL IRA. THERE LITTLE DOUBT IN NORTH THAT PROVISIONALS RESPONSIBLE AND VERY LITTLE CRITICISM OF DUBLIN GOVERNMENT OR ITS SECURITY MEASURES. SPOKESMEN FOR MINORITY COMMUNITY, GERRY FITT AND BELFAST IRISH NEWS FORESEE ADVERSE EFFECT ON RECONCILIATION EFFORTS. RORY O' BRADY PRESIDENT PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN AND SEAN KEENAN OF LONDONDERRY DETAINED JULY 21 IN COUNTY FERMANAGH AND WERE STILL BEING QUESTIONED BY POLICE JULY 22.

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2. BRITISH SOLDIER KILLED IN EXPLOSION JULY 21 OF FIVE
POUND BOMB SMUGGLED INTO BARRACKS AT EBRINGTON ARMY
BASE WATERSIDE DISTRICT LONDONDERRY.

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